

## **NOTICE OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S REQUEST TO CHANGE RATES FOR 2020 GENERAL RATE CASE PHASE II (A.19-11-019)**

### **Summary**

On November 22, 2019, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed its 2020 General Rate Case (GRC) Phase II application (A.19-11-019) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

In this application, PG&E is proposing to gradually adopt rates that more accurately reflect what it costs to serve each customer class. The years included in these proposals are 2021, 2022 and 2023. This results in rates increasing for some customer classes and decreasing for other customer classes; no new costs are being proposed in this Phase II application.

If approved, the proposed rate changes will go into effect in 2021 after a final decision is issued by the CPUC.

### **Background**

Every three years, PG&E is required to file a GRC with the CPUC, which includes both Phase I and Phase II applications. In Phase I of the GRC (A.18-12-009), costs for operating and upgrading our electric and gas distribution systems, and how much of those costs PG&E will recuperate in rates, is determined. In Phase II of the GRC, PG&E's electric rates are designed by dividing approved electric costs among each customer class (residential, commercial, etc.). Gas rate design is addressed in separate gas applications and is not included in the scope of this application.

## How will the application affect electric rates?

Bundled electric customers receive electric generation, transmission and distribution services from PG&E. The table below provides the cumulative change to rates after the three years included in this application.



### PROPOSED ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE

Customer Class	Current Average (¢/kWh) as of 7/1/2019	Proposed Average (¢/kWh) by 2023	Total Change (¢/kWh) by 2023	Total Percentage Change by 2023
<b>Bundled Service</b>				
Residential	21.91	21.76	-0.15	-0.7%
Small Commercial	24.95	26.00	1.05	4.2%
Medium Commercial	22.32	21.77	-0.55	-2.5%
Large Commercial	19.81	19.21	-0.61	-3.1%
Streetlights	27.18	27.77	0.59	2.2%
Standby	12.54	12.43	-0.10	-0.8%
Agriculture	21.25	22.74	1.49	7.0%
Industrial	15.94	15.57	-0.37	-2.3%
Average System Rate Change	20.85	20.90	0.04	0.2%

Depending on usage, some residential customers will see a decrease in their monthly bill amount and some will see an increase. At the end of the three-year period covered by this GRC Phase II, the bill for a typical residential customer not enrolled in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program and using 500 kWh per month would increase slightly from \$122.85 to about \$122.97, or approximately 0.1%. A similar customer using 750 kWh per month would see a decrease from \$193.49 to about \$192.22, or approximately -0.7%.

Direct Access and Community Choice Aggregation customers only receive electric transmission and distribution services from PG&E. On average, these customers would see a decrease of approximately -0.3%.

Another category of nonbundled customers is Departing Load. These customers do not receive electric generation, transmission or distribution services from PG&E. However, these customers are still required to pay certain charges by law or CPUC decision. The impact of PG&E's application on these customers is an average increase of approximately 6.3%.

Actual impacts will vary depending on usage.

## How do I find out more about PG&E's proposals?

If you have questions about PG&E's filing, please contact PG&E at **1-800-743-5000**. For TTY, call **1-800-652-4712**. If you would like a copy of PG&E's filing and exhibits, please write to PG&E at the address below:

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A copy of PG&E's filing and exhibits is also available for review at the CPUC's Central Files office by appointment only. For more information, contact [alcentralfilesid@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:alcentralfilesid@cpuc.ca.gov) or **1-415-703-2045**. PG&E's application (without exhibits) is available on the CPUC's website at [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov).

## CPUC process

This application will be assigned to an Administrative Law Judge (Judge) who will determine how to receive evidence and other related information necessary for the CPUC to establish a record upon which to base its decision. Evidentiary hearings (EHs) may be held where parties will present their testimony and may be subject to cross-examination by other parties. These EHs are open to the public, but only those who are formal parties in the case can participate.

After considering all proposals and evidence presented during the hearings, the assigned Judge will issue a proposed decision which may adopt PG&E's proposal, modify it or deny it. Any of the five CPUC Commissioners may sponsor an alternate decision. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon at a scheduled CPUC Voting Meeting that is open to the public.

The California Public Advocates Office (CalPA) will review this application. CalPA is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a legislative mandate to represent investor-owned utility customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. CalPA has a multidisciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting and engineering. For more information about CalPA, please call **1-415-703-1584**, email [PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov) or visit CalPA's website at [www.publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov).

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Please reference **PG&E's 2020 GRC Phase II Application (A.19-11-019)** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter. All public comments will become part of the public correspondence file for this proceeding and made available for review by the assigned Judge, Commissioners and appropriate CPUC staff.